

Species Election:

The Examiner further requests under 35 U.S.C. 121(1) that Applicant elect a single disclosed species to which the claims would be restricted if no generic claim is finally held to be allowable, and to list all claims readable thereon including those subsequently added. For example, the Examiner has requested election of a particular pharmaceutical selected from the Groups recited in original claim 6 (if Group IV is elected) and election of a specific thymopoietic hormone selected from the Groups recited in original claim 20 (if Group IV is elected). In accordance with Applicant's suggested grouping of the claims, Applicant elects the species Lutrelin and thymulin (or Factor Thymique Serique). Applicant believes that claims 38 – 81 correspond to the elected species.

Conclusion

The Applicant respectfully asserts that all pending claims are in condition for allowance and requests that the Examiner allow claims 38 – 81.

If the Examiner feels for any reason that direct contact with Applicants' attorney will advance the prosecution of this case, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney at the number given below.

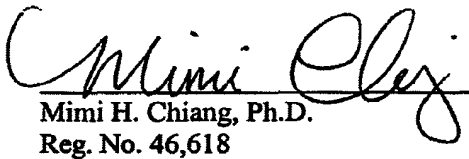
The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of any additional filing fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 09-0946.

Respectfully submitted,

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